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1. On 29 June 1955 at 0100 hours, in position N 66-02, E 39-53, there were two submarines in a line ahead formation on a course of 015 degrees at a speed of 15 knots. [REDACTED] The conning towers were shaped like those of wartime U-boats. One submarine had a single gun forward (see sketch), while the other had none. Both of them had mine cutting wires from stem and stern to the conning tower. They were about 280 feet long with the conning tower half way along the deck. Only one periscope structure was visible. The noise of their diesel engines was very loud. 25X1
2. On 16 July, two small gunboats [REDACTED] were anchored in the Severnaya Dvina river near Scandia Koshka Island. On 18 July, two motor minesweepers [REDACTED] passed Korabelnyy Island on their way downstream. They were about 75 feet long and had square sterns. They were armed with one small gun forward and another aft. They each had a large sweep reel forward and another aft. On the afterdeck were six oepesa floats. 25X1
3. On 19 July, a flush-decked motor gunboat [REDACTED] passed Korabelnyy Island on its way downstream. It was about 100 to 120 feet long and had one funnel abaft the single pole mast which was at the after end of the bridge structure. A steel pole was affixed to each side of the funnel to take radio antennas led aft from the yard arms. It was armed with one gun, about a 12 pounder, in a large shield on the foredeck, a large machine gun type of antiaircraft gun on each side just abaft the funnel, and a single Oerlikon-type gun on each side of the afterdeck. Depth charges were stored on each side of the afterdeck. No radar was fitted but a large range finder was mounted on the bridge. 25X1
4. Two additional stories were being built on top of the existing three stories of the naval barracks on the southern end of Banny Island, south of Solombala. 25X1

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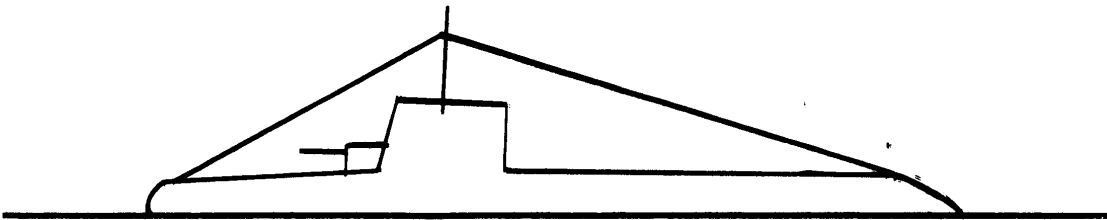
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Sketch of Submarine in White Sea



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